

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 7, at line 20 as shown below:

Another preferred embodiment is shown in Figs. 7-10. Engaging members, such as projections 59, are formed on first and second panels 32, 34 of lid 30. For simplicity, only first panel 32 is illustrated here. In this embodiment, projections 59 have a rectangular cross-section and project outwardly from first side edge 40 of first panel 32, substantially parallel to the major planar surface of first panel 32. Engaged members, such as recesses 27, are formed on pivot pins 22. For simplicity, only one pivot pin 22 and its corresponding recesses 27 are shown here. Engaged member and engaging member, when used here, refer to members which cooperate to limit the range of positions in which lid 30 can be detached from container body 4. In operation, lid 30 is attached to container body 4, as seen in Fig. 9, by placing lid 30 in an inverted position such that bottom surface 35 faces upwardly, top surface 33 faces downwardly, and fingers 58 project downwardly. Lid 30 is then lowered onto container body 4 in the direction of arrow A, such that fingers 58 pass pivot pins 22. As lid 30 is lowered, projections 59 are aligned with and pass by recesses 27 without requiring deflection of projections 59. As lid 30 is then rotated toward its closed and upright position (counterclockwise in Figs. 9, 10), fingers 58 curl around pivot pins 22 and extend through slots 26. As lid 30 rotates toward its closed position, projections 59 swing upwardly out of alignment with recesses 27 and move along the outside circumference of pivot pins 22. The cooperative engagement of fingers 58, projections 59 and pivot pins 22 prevents lid 30 from being detached from container body 4 when lid 30 is in its closed position as well as when lid 30 is in any position between its closed position and about 180° from its closed position, as can be seen in Fig. 10. As lid 30 is rotated from its closed position back to its open position depicted in Fig. 9, projections 59 move along the outer circumference of pivot pins 22 until they are again aligned with recesses 27, at which point projections 59 are able to move freely past pivot pin 22 and lid can be removed from container body 4 by lifting lid 30 upwardly away from container body 4 in the direction of arrow B. Such cooperative engagement of fingers 58, pivot pins 22, slots 26, projections 59 and recesses 27, advantageously insures that

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lid 30 will not inadvertently work free from container body 4 as it is being opened and closed, and will therefore remain safely secured to container body 4 during operative use.